

REMARKS

New claims 32-34 are added. Claims 1-15 and 22-34 are pending in the present application. The Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has treated Applicant's election of Group I claims as an election without traverse.

Claims 4, 23, and 25 have been amended to address some informalities, and have not been amended in view of any prior art. By way of these amendments, no new subject matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-3, 5-15, 22-24 and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,128,661 (*Flanagin*). The Examiner's rejection of the pending claims 1-15 and 22-34 is respectfully traversed.

For convenience, claim 22 is discussed first. Claim 22, in part, calls for storing a plurality of network profiles in the processor-based system to allow connections to one or more wireless networks available to the processor-based system, wherein each of the plurality of network profiles is associated with a different available wireless network.

Flanagin is directed to establishing communications between a mobile device 3A, 3B and a computer, such as a desktop computer, to allow the mobile device to exchange data with the desktop computer 4. See *Flanagin*, col. 3, lines 28-30. *Flanagin* discloses that the mobile device 3A, 3B may connect to the desktop computer 4 by way of a wired connection (LAN or serial port) or an infrared (IR) connection. See *Flanagin*, col. 8, lines 19-22. As shown in Figure 5, *Flanagin* shows that the mobile device 3A, 3B can establish a direct, non-network

based connection with the desktop computer 4 using a serial connection 115 and IR connection 117. See *Flanagin*, col. 4, lines 39-46.

Flanagin fails to teach one or more of the claimed features. For example, *Flanagin* at least does not teach storing a plurality of network profiles to allow connections to one or more available wireless networks. While *Flanagin* teaches that a mobile device can establish a “partnership” with a desktop computer 4 over an IR link 117, this connection is not a network-based connection between the mobile device 3A, 3B and the desktop computer 4. See *Flanagin*, col. 4, lines 39-46. As taught in *Flanagin*, the wireless IR link creates a local connection with the desktop computer 4. Thus, *Flanagin* does not teach storing a plurality of network profiles to allow connections to one or more available wireless networks.

Moreover, as called for by claim 22, *Flanagin* does also not teach “network profiles,” each of which is associated with a different available wireless network (*i.e.*, “network profiles” that correspond to a given available wireless network). While Figure 4 in *Flanagin* shows that a mobile device 3A or 3B may have a number of identifiers, (e.g. ID1 91A and ID2 91B) stored to connect to various desktop computers 4, it does not teach or even suggest storing a plurality of network profiles associated with different wireless networks available to the mobile device 3A or 3B. Rather, the identifiers are used to identify a particular desktop computer with which a “partnership” can be established. These identifiers are thus computer IDs, and not network identifiers. For these reasons alone, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 22 and its dependent claims are allowable over *Flanagin*.

Claim 1 is also allowable over *Flanagin*. *Flanagin* at least does not teach creating a plurality of computer profiles for connection to at least one of the wireless networks, where each of the plurality of computer profiles includes a network identifier corresponding to a different wireless network. For at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Claim 11 and its dependent claims are also allowable over *Flanagin* because this reference at least does not teach prompting the user to enter profile information associated with multiple wireless networks.

Claim 14 is allowable because *Flanagin* at least does not teach storing data representation of each of the plurality of wireless networks.

Claims 4 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Flanagin* in view of U.S. Patent 6,693,888 (*Cafarelli*). Notwithstanding the Examiner's obvious rejection, claims 4 and 25 are allowable for at least one or more of the reasons presented above. With respect the Examiner's obviousness rejection, the Applicant notes that *Cafarelli* does not qualify as prior art based on its effective date. The present application has an earlier filing date of March 9, 2001, whereas *Cafarelli's* filing date is June 6, 2001. Moreover, the present application further claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/236,981 filed on September 29, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/217,796 filed on July 12, 2000. Because the filing date of present application is before the effective date of the *Cafarelli* reference, this reference does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102. Hence, it also cannot qualify under 35 U.S.C. §103. The Applicant thus respectfully requests the Examiner to allow claims 4 and 25 for at least the reasons set forth above.

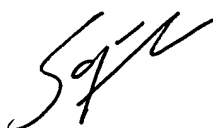
New independent claim 32 and its dependent claim 33 are also allowable in view of the features recited therein. Newly added claim 34 is also allowable because it depends upon an allowable claim 11, for at least the reasons set forth above.

In view of these amendments and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4089 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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